

issue this is, and the Legislature will not be able to stand should this come into effect and you have the casino gambling. There are issues which business people will bring to the Legislature which will cause this body to fold. The gambling interests are not going to be as delicate. Oh, they will wear the brand name suits. They will talk in the modulated tone, but in the velvet glove is an iron fist, and they will drag you aside in your office, in the corridor, or send those people who work in your campaign to tell you which side the bread is really buttered on, and they will let you all know what hardball is. I'm surprised, but maybe not really because there is a lot of pretense on the part of many senators here about understanding economics. This kind of gambling does not bring new money into a community. There are only so many dollars here. All it does is redistribute or reshuffle those dollars. Instead of money going into these stores to the merchants and to purchase services and goods, it's going to be...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...gobbled up by the slot machines. You are not going to have new money. You are going to have interests and operations considered legitimate commercial interests, which are going to have less money because people who ordinarily patronize them are going to give it to the gambling operations. We know that people are weak, that one of the most damning aspects of this whole thing is the underlying effort to save horse racing. When you have to put a more pernicious type of gambling into play to support a failing type of gambling, that should let you know horse racing is not something that ought to continue. I will have to put my light on, too, and I may offer a motion so that I can take control of this discussion.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: I just want to make a couple of extra points on some of the things that some of the senators have brought up. Senator Hillman, that was excellent on your questions and bringing the discussion really into what we are really considering here. Telling everybody that all we are discussing is a vote of the people is not true. What we are discussing now is enabling legislation to come back to the Legislature to decide whatever we want to decide on whatever gambling and where it is going to go and all the decisions yet are to be made. We